

**WETHERSFIELD CITIZENS ENERGY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

Rick Baldoni called meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. at the Physical Service Department.

Members present were: Rick Baldoni, Chairman  
Mary Dobruck  
Carol Jones  
Tom Kennedy  
Nancy Kiely

Member absent: Keith Saunders  
John Morris

Also present were: Matt Forrest, Town Council Liaison  
Mike Turner, Director of Public Works

**1. Minutes of February 5, 2009 meeting**

Motion by Carol Jones, seconded by Nancy Kiely to approved the minutes as submitted. All voted in favor. Members commented of the accomplishment that no written minutes were distributed and that entire packet was done electronically and available publicly over the internet.

**2. New Business:**

Discussion of Budget Proposals:

The Committee wished to express their desire to continue their efforts while recognizing the budget constraints the town was facing. A motion by Nancy Kiely, seconded by Carol Jones to request the following funding in next years budget: \$25,000 for Phase 2 of CCAT work (implementation /grant solicitation), Energy education \$1000, and Energy grant matching funds \$5000. The total request is \$31,000, which is a reduction of about 10% from last years funding. All voted in favor. The Chairman requested notification of the budget review by Town Council so he would be present to explain this request.

Status of CCAT:

Motion by Nancy Kiely, seconded by carol Jones to request a status report from the Town Manager on the status of the agreement with CCAT. All voted in favor.

**3. Committee Reports**

Streetlights- Keith was not present to report. Tom Kennedy agreed to ask Keith for an update for next meeting. Mike Turner commented that CASHO was sponsoring a seminar on effectiveness of streetlights, which he would share with the committee.

Vehicles- Tom reported he is in process of gathering data on current vehicle usage and proposed purchases. Town staff was requested to provide the proposed CNEF budget, and the Resource Typing spreadsheet being prepared for Homeland Security. Staff will

also provide a copy of a previous analysis on state vehicle purchase vs. current vehicle roll over policy prepared by DPW Director.

Education- Mary Dobruck reported on meeting with Library staff and their willingness to provide display space. A guest speaker will be presenting on Earth Day on 4/20/09 in the Library 7-8:30 pm.

Web Page- Nancy Kiely reported on updates contemplated, specifically a list of links to be added to our page. Motion by Carole, seconded by Nancy to add these links to our web page. All voted in favor.

Chairman's report: Chairman acknowledged receipt of magazine article from resident Bruce Bockstael from Building magazine. He also noted Nature Centers request for co-sponsorship of a global warming program. Nancy will get more info from the director. Chairman also shared a draft letter to the legislature regarding the CEEF funding levels seeking to maintain or increase that funding. He also noted the City of Hartford is forming a similar committee as this one and was seeking guidance. The committee endorsed the Chairman's letter with a few modifications.

Mike Turner commented on the CEEF funding levels being reduced per DPUC to account for over spending last year.

**4. Public Comment:-** no one present

**5. Next Meeting date:**

The Committee is next scheduled to meet on March 5 at 5:30 pm.

**5. Adjournment:**

7:07 pm, motion made by Carol Jones, seconded by Mary Dobruck.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the minutes approved by the Wethersfield Citizens Energy Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk